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Editors' Table.

WE are in receipt of an excellent letter from W. W. Gay, '76, the first Editor-in-Chief of the UNDERGRADUATE. It contains many helpful suggestions from an alumnus standpoint in regard to the college paper. We wish all the other ex-Editors all along down the line would write us.

ONCE more the subject of college discipline is making its round in the college press. Like many other subjects this one, it seems, has been ably discussed from all points imaginable and it is with fear and trembling that we venture an opinion. Ever since such an institution as a college existed things have arisen which needed prompt, decisive, and judicious treatment. Formerly there was no question as to who should constitute the bench of authority in these matters. Later the scheme of a senate, where the students might have their side looked at from a student's stand-point, was conceived and put into successful operation in several colleges. Many of the unpleasant affairs which arise in the college world are the outgrowth of unconfidental relations between instructors and instructed. We think that we can see in this question the same one that agitated Rome before the Cæsars—Patricians and Plebeians—and as of old the Plebs are slowly gaining ground. The college senate we believe is the most practicable method of effectually solving the vexatious problems of college discipline.

THERE is a class in the college world—as there is outside of it—who are continually crying unclean at nearly everything and everybody. Something always goes wrong with these unhappy souls. Public men are all dishonest, church and state alike are corrupt and they sigh for the "Good Old Days". Would they were of the days for which they sigh, the present has no use for them.

THERE is a growing tendency among the faculty, which we are glad to note, to give lectures in the class room upon topics pertaining to the subjects studied in the class room and supplementary to them. It is the minute points and details that render a subject especially interesting. The best students find these by special work and reading, but the greater part do not. A large part of the outside reading is done because it is required. It is only when the subject is rendered specially interesting that this work is voluntarily done. Interest is often and easily awakened by fifteen minute talks in connection with regular lessons. Many a subject has been made more attractive by short explanatory lectures or by presenting the opinion and comment of other men on the topic under consideration. We do not care for lectures upon musty subjects which last for an hour or more, but short, pointed remarks, making more lucid and pleasant the studies of the curriculum, are ever acceptable.

pleasure we beheld the Goddess of Reform released from a cruel bondage, and restored to Democracy, her future companion and protector. Lastly we beheld the victorious knights kneeling in allegiance to reform and honest methods, and pledging loyalty to the interests of those who had placed them in power. Let us hope that these pledges will be kept unbroken, that the knights will not forget their duty, and, that profiting by the downfall of others who were former rulers, they will strive to make this Castle of Power, not a tyrant's stronghold, but a dwelling place of interegrity and justice.

Pat A. Gonia.

[THE END].

Alumni Department.

[*Contributions from Alumni solicited for this department. Class-histories, reminicences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

CLASS OF '65.

THE class of '65 studied through the whole period of the Civil war. Its patriotism should not be judged lacking, however. A goodly percentage after the first term, finding that the war was not the short-lived affair predicted, enlisted. Some of these fell on the field; others survived but never returned to carry out the aim of their lives. None too much honor is given to those who in that time of supreme trial left their plows in the furrows—life-callings and courses unfinished—to aid by the strong right arm of fierce war in keeping their country one. Others of this class served vicariously each with an *alter ego* in the field; so that nearly one half of the whole number could be counted as in service. Whether the loud noise of the conflict, the excitement, confusion and fear, which was brought to us daily, almost, by the Press and telegraph, made a good atmosphere for the quiet and peaceful surroundings usually deemed necessary for the hermit life of the student is doubtful

The class numbered thirty in all and the average age of of its members was higher probably than in any other class of recent years. It was truly old '65. Fifteen only ran the whole course and reached the goal of graduation and the honor of the first degree. Today, after twenty-five years, about two thirds of that number survive.* They, as well as those who have laid down life's burdens and honors, all entered upon honorable careers, and have not unworthily represented their *Alma Mater* in their day and generation.

So much for reminiscence.

Now as a suggestion. It seems to me that if an alumnus in mid-life of experience could be put back again as an undergraduate, retaining that experience as his guide, he would wish and strive to lay broader foundations than the course required. Discipline of mind is not enough as the sole end and aim of a college education. There is a great lacking in the equipment of the graduate, as he leaves that quiet student life with its appointed curriculum and enters into the pursuits of business life. He finds at once that he requires something more than a disciplined mind; he has a pressing need for ready information and a knowledge of history, literature, the sciences and arts which he does not possess. The disciplinarians say, let him take a post-graduate course. To most this is impossible. Our suggestion is a criticism on the methods of that time. First, let there be more enthusiam; second, let there be put into the curriculum a course of reading which shall draw upon the resources of a library furnished up to the current time with all that is best and standard. Let this enthusiasm be the tone of the whole college life. As in military education, let them be cultivated to a quicker step, a sharper eye, an acuter ear, a more sensitive touch. Let the student's life be inspired by a vigor in the instruction and requirements that he cannot withstand. He must then fall in line. And thus he shall accomplish his work in the study with a glow, even as in the pursuit of athletics. In short, let not the student habit, which is being cultivated, be monastic, but full of the spirit of this remarkable age, tingling with life and light.

My memory of the undergraduate of twenty-five years ago is that he lived in a satisfied present. He did not question the wisdom that had laid out the curriculum. He was satisfied if the prescribed duties

*The surviving members of the class of 1865 are, Hon. George Z. Erwin, Potsdam, N. Y., State senator; William A. Jenner, lawyer, 125 East 60th St. New York City; Rev. Evarts B. Kent, Eldora, Ia.; Hon. John G. McIntyre, lawyer, Potsdam, N. Y.; Rev. George L. Nims, Sullivan, N. H.; David J. Newland, lawyer, 255 West 84th St., New York City; Henry H. Shaw, teacher, West Brattleboro. Vt.; Rev. Juba H. Vorce, Essex, Conn., who was the only member of his class present at the last Commencement; and Warren C. Wood, physician. Lockport, N. Y. Marrquis De La Collister died in 1887, E. W. Dimond in 1876, E. N. Dorrance in 1865. John A. Wilber in 1876, Chas. A. Vorce in 1871, and Wm. A. Tewksbury in 1884. For further information consult the General Catalogue for 1890.—Editor.

receive the attention its importance deserves." Over on the right is a great crowd of laborers. See, they are raising aloft a flag. On it is this motto: "Shall we be ruled by those who say one dollar is enough for one day's work?" Back of these forces, extending far as the eye can reach, are seen countless numbers of mechanics, business men and independents, rallying around a huge placard bearing this significant inscription, "Is the theory correct, that the majority can do no harm?" All are eager for the contest. The great host, strong, confident, pulsing with energy, can hardly be restrained from leaping over the walls and assailing the Castle.

Within the Castle of Power a different scene is being acted. Turmoil and confusion have taken the place of order. The Lords, before confident in the strength of their stronghold and the loyalty of their supporters, now feel that their prestige is to be broken and that the rule of the Castle must pass into other hands. Excited they rush hither and thither, wringing their hands, and filling the Castle with shrieks and lamentations. "Oh!" says Lord McKinley, "that cursed bill. It has ruined the prospects of myself and followers." The Knight of the Gavel paces the floor in an excited manner. "Great God," he groaned, "the ghost of the murdered minority rises before my eyes, and will not away. What shall I do? I fear that my end has come." In vain did the Plumed Knight strive to restore order. Harmony was out of the question. Confusion alone was the prevailing spirit. The voices of past leaders who had led the Knights from victory to victory by their wise council and skilful generalship were now disregarded, and warning voices were unheard amid this Babylon of confusion.

Let us now return to the assailing forces and see what is taking place there. We arrive just in time. One of the leaders is about to address his followers. Let us draw near that we may hear the words of the speaker. Listen, he speaks. "Followers," he says in a tone that can be heard by hundreds and thousands of his comrades; "Ye well know the issue of today Like the worm long trodden upon, at last you must turn. The grinding heel of monopolists and corporations can no longer hold you in subjection. The pledges that were given to you have not been redeemed, and ye seek redress from grievances too long and too patiently borne. Yonder is the Castle of Power presided over by the chosen Knights of the People. These Knights are sworn to rule in the interests of the people, regardless of class, party, or section. Ye too well know the course of the present Knights of the Castle. I need not dwell on their misdoings. Ye have watched too well their behavior toward those who constituted the minority, to learn more regarding it from me. And now you have assembled to regain this Castle, restore it to the people, and release the beautiful Goddess of Reform from the dungeon of broken pledge. The time for action has arrived. May success attend your efforts, and victory perch upon your banner."

Then with a great shout the mighty host assailed the Castle. Few of the assailants fell. Thousands of the besieged were overcome and defeated. Prominent in the contest were seen Mugwumps, Independants, laborers, business men, tradesmen, and farmers, fighting their way, inch by inch, step by step, with an energy and resolution that knows not defeat. We will not relate the more harrowing details of the battle. Beginning about midday, the struggle lasted until sundown. Victory seemed on both sides; first on the side of the assailants, then on the side of the assailed. At last the Castle yielded. Shouts of victory rent the air. Great numbers of the knights of the Castle fled, few of their comrades remaining. The people again had asserted their rights. Justice had conquered, and the Castle of Power was again in the hands of its owners.

The Goddess of Reform, pale, emaciated, weak and suffering from her close confinement, was released from her prison, and once more greeted by her true friends. Joy was on all sides. Young Democracy, little hurt in the fray, greeted the Goddess with great joy and affection, and swore that henceforth she should have full dominion in the Castle of Power. The killed and wounded were tenderly cared for. Among the dead were found Lords McKinley and *Delemater*.

A few of the former knights were maintained in the Castle. These were treated with marked respect, but their number was found to be far less than that of the victorious party. Within the Castle was joy and lightheartedness. All the Knights selected by the people to maintain the Castle passed in procession before Democracy and the Goddess, and, in turn, on bended knee swore allegiance to them henceforth. Let now us quit the scene. We have seen the domineering knights rebuked and turned from the Castle. With

Frank F. Douglas at Potsdam, N. Y., on Dec. 9, 1890. The report of his death was so unexpected and unlooked for that it was some time before his friends in Middlebury could comprehend it. Only his most intimate friends knew that he was at all ill and even they did not consider him dangerously so until a few hours before his death. He was taken sick Nov. 22, although he had not felt as well as usual for a couple of weeks before this time. He had visited the college in the early part of November and at that time seemed to be enjoying the best of health. The disease which terminated his life was pronounced by his physician to be cancer of the stomach. Both his father and mother had died of the same disease, his father only last June. Mr. Douglas was born in Whiting, Vt., in 1864. His father was a farmer and well known lecturer on agricultural topics. When only eight years old his mother died and he was afterwards cared for by an adopted sister. When quite young he evinced a desire to obtain a college education, but his father preferred to have him take a course in some agricultural institution. The young man was, however, determined and after a short preparation at the Middlebury High school he entered college in the fall of 1885. His father gave him very little financial assistance and he was obliged to fight his own way through college. He graduated second in his class and on his commencement day was salutatorian. His principal characteristics during his life were pluck and perseverance. His highest ambition was to be a successful lawyer, and accordingly a week after his graduation from college he entered the law office of Hon. A. X. Parker, '80, of Potsdam, N. Y. He remained there only a few months when he was offered a more lucrative position in the office of Swift & Sanford of the same place. At the end of a year his salary was doubled and the firm, to show their appreciation of his faithfulness and ability, promised him a partnership as soon as he was admitted to the bar. Had he lived he would have been admitted next June. He manifested much interest in his Alma Mater, using his influence in sending students here. While in Potsdam he lived with his uncle, W. H. Flower.

The body was taken to Whiting and funeral services were held at the Whiting Congregational church on on Sunday, December 14. The sermon was preached by President Brainerd, and the music was furnished by a Chi Psi quartette, of which fraternity he was a member when in college. The bearers were also of this fraternity. Most of the undergraduates and many townspeople attended the funeral. Mr. Douglas made many friends in town while attending college. He was liked for his geniality, perseverance and manliness. Not for many years had Middlebury college sent out a more promising young man.

Concerning Mr. Douglas the Potsdam *Courier and Freeman* says: "He was an exceedingly bright, level headed and industrious young man. He was a good scholar and an indefatigable student. He was ambitious and loved the study of law. In a year and a half he had become quite well versed in law works, methods of studying questions and also in the general practice and work of a law office. Had he lived and had no mishap he would certainly have been a strong and able lawyer. His only amusement was lawn tennis and a little base ball playing, for both of which he had great fondness and in which he excelled. It was his peculiarity to well do and excel in whatever he engaged. He entered into whatever he put his hands to with all the zest and power he possessed. He slighted nothing which he undertook. He was genial, pleasant and withal a handsome young man, the very picture of health and physical manhood. The future looked bright and promising to him. He was full of hope and cheer and could almost see himself a man well up towards the front among men. He longed to live. He wanted to fight life's battle and see what he could accomplish. He felt that he could make it a grand success and he had a right to so feel."

Alpha Mu of Chi Psi, of which he was a member, adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father, in his mysterious providence, has seen fit to take from us our beloved brother, Frank F. Douglas,

Resolved, That we have lost an earnest, loyal Chi Psi, one who strove for its welfare and prosperity, and to whom we are much indebted for the aid he has been to us.

Resolved, That we heartily sympathize with his relatives and friends in their bereavement, and with them mourn the loss of one whose prospects were so bright, and whose character endeared him to all who knew him.

Communication.

The editors do not assume responsibility for any article in this column. Its sentiments, however, are open to editorial criticism.

EDITORS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE:

In the Town and Campus department of the November UNDERGRADUATE half a column was devoted to "Prizes in the present Junior class." I have no doubt that such articles should be passed unnoticed. This

of the day were well done. As a rule, he volunteered to do nothing more than was required of him. And yet he ought to have had much spare time on his hands. If he gave this spare time to general reading, it was after a slow, unmethodical way, based on no plan of selection or course. Indeed, let there be cultivated a student-habit; so cultivated as to be effective after the disciplinary days of the course are past. As an accompaniment of the acquisition of general knowledge from the stores of literature, history and science, this habit could be so formed and fixed that the graduate would from choice be a student through all his after life. This, it seems to me, is the proper aim and should be the result of all college training. The enthusiastic student with a well formed habit of study, sustaining him on through ever-widening lines is a growth. Each successive day his ability to accomplish work increases.

A clergyman in this city is doing an amount of literary work, week in and out and year by year, that seems incredible. But he is a great student and is filled with enthusiasm.

And whatever the special calling of this post-graduate life-student may be, by constantly receiving and as constantly giving from the stores of his study and thought, he becomes along the line of his work a light and blessing in the world. He then has reached the point, fitly described in that bit of Shakespearean philosophy, which Emerson denominates "foresight," as follows:

"No man is the lord of anything
Till he communicate his parts to others,
Nor doth he of himself know them for aught
Till he behold them formed in the applause
When they are extended, which, like an arch, reverberates
The voice again; or like a gate of steel
Fronting the sun, receives and renders back
His figure and his breath."

A hearty salutation and an hour by the wayside of life for you all, boys of old Midd.

D. J. Newland.

'38 John Jordan Latting

Died of a stroke of apoplexy December 16, 1890, at his residence, No. 180 West 74th st., New York city, in the seventy-second year of his age.

Mr. Latting was born in Lattingtown, L. I., on March 31, 1819. He entered Middlebury College at the early age of 16 years, graduating with the class of '38. After his graduation he read law in the office of Francis Cutting of New York, and when admitted to the bar entered into partnership with Caleb S. Woodhull, afterwards Mayor of New York. In 1856 he was a member of the firm of Wakeman, Latting and Phelps (Phelps '40). In 1885 he was compelled to give up the practice of law on account of ill health. He went to Europe for his health and was apparently much benefited by his trip. The death of Mr. Latting makes the twentieth death in the class of '38. The class contained over forty students, among whom are found many loyal alumni. Mr. Latting was one of these and Middlebury College has cause to grieve his loss.

'85. Edward Gibson Jenks

died at his home in Poultney, Vt., of consumption, on December 27, 1890, at the age of 26 years. Born at Poultney, he fitted for college at Troy Conference Academy and entered with the class of '85. While in college he was the very picture of health, having a strong and robust constitution and being one of the leading athletes. He made field-day records which have not yet been broken, and was an important player on the college nine, which at that time was second to none in the State. He was an unusually intelligent person for one of his years. He was a great reader, and was an excellent Greek scholar. He graduated in the class of '85 with no especial honors, but his instructors speak highly of his ability. After leaving college he taught for three years; a short time at Troy Conference Academy and the remainder as principal of the Shelburn High School. Up to this time he had enjoyed the best of health. About a year and a half ago Mr. Jenks accepted a position in Kansas City, Mo. While there he contracted pleurisy, which resulted in consumption, which finally destroyed his life. He returned to his former home in February, 1890, and for a time appeared better, but, like all other victims of that deadly disease, he was compelled at last, after a brave struggle, to yield to its never-releasing grasp.

Although he died in the bloom of early manhood, he lived long enough to erect in the hearts of his more intimate friends a monument of love and respect which will not easily be overthrown.

'89. Frank Fayette Douglas,

BORN, 1864—DIED, 1890.

Alumni and Undergraduates of Middlebury College were surprised and pained to learn of the death of

The students were required to choose their electives for the winter term on the last Friday of the fall term.

Prof. Howard delivered a lecture on the "Magna Charta" at the teachers' institute held in Bristol Jan. 13.

The students who remained in town during vacation were Bryant, '91, Macdonald, '92, LaFleur and Smith, '94.

Frank D. Boynton, '91, was a juror in the case of State against Wm. Noonan, at the recent term of county court.

The Congregational church is lighted by electricity. The "college punch bowl" is illuminated by forty incandescent lamps.

At the installation services held at New Haven, Vt., a few weeks ago, the charge to the pastor was given by Prof. Yager.

The text-book which the Juniors will use in Political Economy is one by John Stuart Mill. Thompson's was formerly used.

The Rutland railroad has been leased again by the Central Vermont road and students may expect a continuation of the half fare rates.

Prof. Scott is connected with the State University at Jacksonville, Ill. Mrs. Scott and son have recently removed from Cambridge, Mass., to Illinois.

J. B. Donaway, '93, has been elected to the board of editors of the UNDERGRADUATE to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of E. M. Long, '93.

Noonan and Harrington, '91, attended the reunion of their class in Beeman Academy, at the home of Miss Lottie Landon in New Haven, Dec. 23.

Prof. Webber has left town and returned to his position at Northampton, Mass. He has supplied the Congregational pulpit since the departure of Mr. Keith.

President Brainerd read a paper on the geology of Vermont before the American Geological Society, which held its annual meeting at Washington, D. C., on the week ending Jan. 3.

Four of the Seniors and Juniors have elected Latin and Greek, three Mathematics and every member of both classes has chosen English Literature. All of the Junior class take Physics during the winter term.

The village trustees have let the contract for putting in hydraulic water works for the village. The water will be taken from the creek and the pumping station will probably be just below Clinton Smith's mill. Work is to be commenced at once.

The Sophmores complain (and we think very justly) that they were charged too high a price for the chapel seats which they burned. Eight dollars apiece for such seats as those which were destroyed is monstrous; at that rate they could afford to sell the whole college.

The few words in the last issue of the UNDERGRADUATE concerning foot-ball seems to have awakened some interest in the matter. Several have expressed their desire and determination to organize a foot-ball association if possible. There is no reason why we cannot have a good one.

The Western Vermont Congregational Club met with the Middlebury church Dec. 9. Among the interesting facts spoken of was that out of 180 ministers who have served in the Champlain Valley for the last 100 years, and who have been college graduates, 135 of these have been graduates of Middlebury.

"Say, are you going to pay those twelve dollars on your term bill?" "Well, I don't see any way out of it, do you?" "No; I guess we jumped into the soup of our own accord, and now—well, we are in it." The sale was a good one, and at the same rate it would be a financial boom to dispose of several other "antique appearances."

The chapel singing during the past term was very many degrees below par. Sometimes it has been quite ridiculous. We hardly blame the Glee Club for refusing to sing from those hymn books; but why does not some person start a subscription paper for the purchase of new books? That is the neatest and pleasantest way to get over the present difficulty.

Prof Eaton meets his elective Greek class once a month at his home for the discussion of some appropriate subject. The subjects last term were, "The classical student in the German University," "Excavations at Olympia," "The treasures at Delhi in ancient times and the expected results of excavation." The first evening this term will be occupied with a discussion of "Greek Vases."

The annual commemoration exercises of the landing of the Pilgrims, under the direction of the Middlebury Historical Society, were held in the Congregational church Dec. 21. Rev. Dr. Webber preached the sermon. The exercises this year included the centennial celebration of the organization of the church. The church was filled and the exercises interesting. About three hundred attended the supper,

one was presumably written by some person who wished to contribute to the paper and was at a loss for a better subject. In order to relieve the writer's anxiety, as far as possible, in regard to the disposition of the prize money, I will venture a few remarks.

Beginning with last spring's Merrill prizes: The complaint of the class was not on account of the reduction of the number of prizes, but because the money which properly belonged to the class was illegally taken away from it, and because of the inconsistency of those having the matter in charge. The class would have been perfectly satisfied if the whole amount of money had been offered in two prizes or even in one. If, as was asserted at the time, the will required that there shall be twice as many contestants as prizes, then the terms of the bequest had already been violated, and one violation is as bad as a hundred. The class of '86 contained only five contestants, yet four prizes were given. Why this change should be made against the class of '92 was at the time and still remains unexplained.

Now in regard to the Waldo prizes. Three members of the Junior class are residents of the State of Vermont and hold State scholarships. These amount to eighty dollars apiece, so that a person drawing a Waldo derives no financial benefit from it. There is only one person, therefore, in the class who can possibly derive any benefit from a Waldo. To all but one in the class a Waldo is simply an honorable mention. If this is the complaint of envy, let the author circulate a petition to have this prizes withdrawn and the Juniors will be the first to subscribe their names.

'92.

Exchanges.

One of the neatest and best gotten-up papers with which we exchange is the *Academic*. Its pages are free from the boyish gushes which not only make occasional tirades at the head of local columns of high school publications, but frequently in many of our college journals. The *Academic* is always welcome.

We extend a friendly hand to the *V. G. S. Progress*, published by the Graded school at Vergennes, and the *Phœnix*, published by the Seminary students at Northfield. Judging from the initial numbers, school and college journalism will be materially strengthened by these two neat and business-like journals.

The *Cynic* of December 18th devotes several pages to the Agricultural College question and President Buckham's talk to the students. The *Rutland Herald* comes in for one or two hard hits. We admire the way in which the *Cynic* defends its position on this question and think it is entitled to much credit.

It would seem from an editorial in *The Cadet* that hazing is still kept up in the college which it represents. We are glad that we have advanced beyond this state of barbarism.

Town and Campus.

[*Items for this department from the town should be such as are of general interest to the alumni. A college monthly can't be a local newspaper, and items purely of local value as news are not wanted.*]

H. C. Palmer, formerly of '91, is teaching in Bristol.

The Graded school opened for the winter term on Jan. 5.

LaFleur, '94, was clerk at Marshall's store during vacation.

Prof. Paton visited his home at Cambridge, Mass., during vacation.

Brown, '93, spent the holidays with Hasseltine at his home in Bristol.

Hesselgrave, '93, has made arrangements to preach during the winter term.

President Brainerd and family visited Washington, D. C., during vacation.

Benedict and Thomas sung at the organ recital given at New Haven Dec. 30.

College opened Jan. 8 with most of the students and all the faculty ready for work.

Smith, '94, spent a portion of his vacation with Dunton, '89, at his home in Rutland, Vt.

A dance at the Addison House Dec. 26 was enjoyed by several of the students who did not go home.

D. H. Agnew, formerly of '93, has entered Albany Law School. His many friends wish him success.

W. E. Chapman, formerly of the class of '93, has returned to college and entered the Freshman class.

The examinations began on Thursday morning, Dec. 18, and lasted until the following Tuesday afternoon.

Prof. Boyce has augmented his real estate possessions by the purchase of E. W. Bird's house and lot.

Haynie Pierson of Springfield, Ill., formerly of '90, was a guest at F. A. Bond's during the holidays.

the exchanges something like that which is used for the magazines in the library? Have the pigeon holes numbered and let that number correspond to some exchange which will be found in it. This would be an improvement and something we would all appreciate.

The College catalogue for 1890-91 was distributed at the close of the fall term. It is larger than any previous catalogue and is gotten up in better shape. Its most important feature is the new course of study, printed in detail. The Seniors and Juniors have from five to ten subjects to elect from every term. The new studies which have been introduced are mostly English, although a student may have Latin and Greek through the entire four years. The study of English and American Literature by the Sophomore class is something new and something which will be appreciated. It is an excellent course. There have been no additions to the faculty during the year. Tuition has been raised from fifteen to twenty dollars per term, but scholarships have been raised a corresponding amount.

Most of the orations and book reviews delivered on the chapel stage are on old, stale subjects which should have been buried long ago. Some of these are "Prohibition," "Ballot Reform," "Jury System," "Woman Suffrage," the success of all the novels or their writers known to literature, etc., etc. True, some kind-hearted student relieves the monotony once in awhile by giving us something new, but it is of rare occurrence. If any new points were presented on these old subjects the matter would be different, but to hear the same things which have been used for years is rather tiresome. A suggestion as to how this may be partially, if not wholly obviated, may not be out of place here. Would it not be a good plan to have the English professor assign the subjects for our orations? He might assign one subject to each class and have the different members of the class speak on whichever side of the question they wished. We have no doubt but that the professor in charge would select subjects which have not ere now become "chestnuts." A trial of this scheme would not result in any harm and would very likely bring about an improvement.

The following has been proposed as the yell of Colorado College: Pikes Peak or bust! Pikes Peak or bust! Colorado College! Yell we must!

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desires it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it*]

'34. Geo. P. Tyler, in sending his check to the UNDERGRADUATE, writes: "My interest in Middlebury college has suffered no decline, although I have not been present at commencement time as I used to be in other years. Yet every summer I have hoped to attend. My charge demands so much of my time that I cannot attend to much else, especially as I have just passed my 81st birthday and am not quite as spry as I used to be." The UNDERGRADUATE congratulates Mr. Tyler, and hopes he may see many more years.

'38. We were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. W. F. Bascom at Aurora, W. Va., Dec. 15, 1890. We extend to Mr. Bascom our sympathy in this his great sorrow.

'38. The obituary of John J. Latting appears in another column.

'40. Ex-Minister Phelps has been elected president of Columbia College. He obtains a larger salary than any other college president in America.

'46. Memorial exercises in honor of the late Dr. J. Adams Allen were held at Chicago, Ill., on December 19, 1890. The exercises were under the auspices of Rush Medical College and Lake Forest University. Dr. Allen was president of this medical college before his death.

'46. Peter Starr has been compelled, on account of ill health, to give up his law practice and is recuperating at Northampton, Mass.

'46. Hon. John W. Stewart was at his home in Middlebury during the recess of congress. Mr. Stewart is spoken of as the originator of a Blaine and Alger ticket for '92, which seems to be very popular at present.

'48. R. E. Maranville writes: "I expect to remain a subscriber to the UNDERGRADUATE so long as it may be published." This should be the determination of every alumnus of the college. The UNDERGRADUTE costs only one dollar per annum, and while an alumnus would not feel the expenditure of a dollar it would help us to make the paper just what they and we de-

given by the Ladies' Social Circle in the vestry Monday evening. Toasts, addresses and music contributed to the pleasure of the occasion.

Prof. Wright was at work in the library during vacation. Through his kindness the library was accessible during the holidays.

A very pleasant evening was spent by several of the students and members of the faculty at the home of Mrs. Eddy during vacation.

Fault has been found by several of the alumni with the blanks sent out by the business manager of the UNDERGRADUATE. One alumni says: "They make every receiver a delinquent." In conclusion, he gen erously offers to pay his share of the cost of new blanks gotten up in different language. This should be attended to by the bnsiness manager.

The committee appointed by the Athletic Association to report on the advisability of having an entertainment the coming winter as a means of replenishing the treasury of the association reported in favor of the movement. The same committee were instructed to go on with the arrangements so that the matter could be started as soon as possible.

When the last issue of the UNDERGRADUATE went to press we were in hopes that we could announce in this issue the success or failure of incandescent lights in the college buildings. We have not seen enough of them to form any definite opinion as to the merits of this method of lighting dormitories, nor, judging from present reports, will we be able to do so for some time to come.

On the night of December 31 LaFleur, '94, invited several of the students and some others to his room in Starr Hall for the purpose of seeing the old year out and the new year in. The company passed a very enjoyable evening partaking of the "feed" which Mr. LaFleur had provided, in a way known only to college students. Toasts were responded to until one A. M. A telegram was read from Prof. Paton expressing his regret that he could not contribute to the feast as he had done on previous occasions.

What is the matter with the Glee Club this year? They have not given a single concert so far, nor have they even been seen or heard rehearsing. Last year the club was quite successful in its numerous exhibitions. This year there is almost the same material present and yet nothing has been done. There are no two things that advertise a college more than a good ball nine and a good glee club. If we cannot have the former we can the latter, and we hope something will be done during the winter term.

About a dozen obituaries of alumni of this college have been published in the present volume of the UNDERGRADUATE. At that rate for the whole year the number of deaths would amount to twenty-five or thirty. Last year a class of fourteen graduated. This year only eleven will graduate. Unless the present death rate diminishes or the number of graduates increases, ere long Middlebury will not be represented in the world at all. We have no control over death, but we can in a measure have some influence in increasing the number of graduates.

Towards the close of the fall term complaint was made to the college police that a gambling den was being maintained at No. 5 Starr Hall. Close watch was kept of the premises for several nights and on the fourth night the police obtained evidence which justified them in raiding the place. The result was the confiscation of nine packs of cards, several literal translations and two books, one entitled "How to play whist" and the other "How to hold a winning hand in poker." We hope the police succeeded in breaking up the "dive," as it sets a bad example to tha students and is demoralizing to the institution.

Prof. Wright, a few days ago, gave the boys a short talk on what the library reading room was for. Complaint had been made to him by some of the students that they were unable to do any studying in the library on account of the loud conversation carried on by certain persons. Prof. Wright says that the library rules must be obeyed, and any student who persists in disobeying will be denied the privileges of the library. The assistant librarians are supposed to report the offenders, and we earnestly hope that they will do their duty. This is a serious matter, and those, who, through carelessness or ill-breeding, fail to respect the rights of others should be brought to justice.

We hear much complaining among some of the boys because they do not get a chance to read the exchanges. They are brought to the reading room and placed on the table. Students come in, turn them over and if they see anything they want carry it to their rooms. They are all piled up so that it will take a person half an hour to find the particular exchange he wishes to read. Why not have an arrangement for

issue of the *Home Market Bulletin* in the following terms: "Hon. Walter E. Howard, professor of Political Science in Middlebury College, is an earnest protectionist. He says internal free trade and national protection is more philosophical and better sustained by fact and history than a free trade tariff system. He was once United States Consul at Toronto, an important port of exportation to this country, and he says he knows that the exporter pays the duty, or at least the greater part of it. May the tribe of such professors increase."

'72. E. L. Walker, pastor of the Methodist church at Castleton, preached the annual sermon before the students of the Normal School there Dec. 28.

'72. Principal H. H. Ross of the Vermont Episcopal Institute spent his vacation at Toronto, Ont.

'75. C. M. Wilds had several cases before the Supreme court held at Burlington last week.

'76. Prof. J. W. Abernethy was one of the instructors in The Martha's Vineyard Summer Institute during the season of 1890. The success of his work is shown by the following from a Brooklyn paper: "Dr. J. W. Abernethy has given a most valuable and inspiring course of lectures on the English literature of the last hundred years. His work has shown broad reading, and a fine and discriminating critical power. His lecture on George Eliott, to cite a single instance, was universally commended by a large audience as the best presentation of the characteristics of an author to which they had ever listened."

'76. Five or six years ago W. S. Austin removed from Toledo, Ohio, to Seattle, Washington, to practice law, but entered business and for some time was in the land office there. His home is still in Seattle, but he is in poor health and is traveling, endeavoring to regain it, visiting Battle Creek, Mich., points in Colorado and California. W. W. Gay, a classmate, writes: "He is the same old Austin except that time has prematurely whitened his hair and beard."

'77. James M. Mulchahey of Brooklyn, N. Y., was in town about New Year's, being called as a witness in the case of the State vs. Butterfield.

'78. Dr. Fremont Hamilton has moved into town from Chicopee Falls, Mass., and has formed a partnership for the practice of medicine with Dr. M. D. Smith. Dr. Hamilton is a son-in-law of Hon. J. L. Buttolph of this town.

'79. Joseph Battell visited Washington during the holidays.

'79. J. W. Chapman of Alaska has sent a collection of curiosities to the Sheldon Museum. The collection comprises articles of dress, bow and arrow, ornaments, etc.

'79. F. E. Whipple is said to be a most successful surgeon at Danby.

'80. F. M. Baker has returned to his home in Carbon, Wyo.

'80. H. R. Dorr visited Middlebury on business last week, remaining two days.

'80. S. B. Cady has removed to Bloomfield, N. Y.

'80. Dr. Wm. H. Sheldon has been engaged to sing in the Congregational choir for the coming winter.

'80. A. S. Peck is practicing law in Boston. His address is 61 Court Street.

'81. Rev. C. S. Murkland of Manchester, N. H., spent New Year's with his father-in-law, Hon. A. P. Tupper of this town. Mr. Murkland has decided not to accept the call which he had from a St. Louis, Mo., church.

'82. Dr. C. B. Ross has left Bellevue and resumed his practice at Rutland, Vt.

'83. The address of B. F. Churchill was asked for in the last issue of the UNDERGRADUATE. We have found it to be 165 East 74th street, New York City.

'83. Prof. Samuel Sheldon of Brooklyn Polytechnic spent his vacation at Middlebury.

'84. Dr. E. F. Preston of Brandon visited college the latter part of the fall term.

'85. E. G. Jenks died of consumption on Dec. 27, 1890. More appears in another column.

'86, Charles Billings was in town recently.

'86. Principal A. W. Varney of Bristol addressed the teachers' institute held there Jan. 12, 13 and 14.

'86. J. A. Ellsworth spent his vacation with his parents in Whiting.

'86. W. M. Ross has been admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont and is now practicing law in Rutland.

'86. A. W. Varney of the Bristol High School was in Middlebury during the holidays.

'86. Prof. J. P. Thompson of Mechanicsville, N. Y., has been traveling in the South since last July.

sire it. Such sentiments as the above are a source of encouragement to us.

'51. Dr. S. W. Boardman, president of Marysville College, held a thanksgiving service on Dec. 12 over the gift of $100,000 made by the late Mr. Fayerweather to that college. On Dec. 16 the same institution received from Mr. Adams of New York a check for $6,500. We hope the prosperity of the college may continue.

'57. Rev. A. W. Wild of Elizabethtown, N. Y., read a paper on the "First 100 years of Congregationalism in the Champlain Valley," at a meeting of the Congregational Club held in Middlebury Dec. 9.

'59. Roswell Harris is in the real estate business in Detroit, Mich.

'60. Hon. E. B. Sherman was engaged during October and November in his onerous duties as Chief Supervisor of elections for the Northern district of Illinois. In discharging the duties of this office he selected, assigned to duty and instructed more than 1000 supervisors, who registered nearly 100,000 voters. He was ably assisted by his son, B. W. Shermon, '90.

'61. Rev. C. N. Thomas was installed as pastor of the New Haven Congregational church on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1890. At the installation services, music was furnished by the College Quartette.

'62. E. A. Hasseltine, Supervisor of Schools for Addison county, conducted a teachers' institute recently held at Bristol.

'62. At the annual meeting of the sons of the Green Mountain State to be held at Chicago, Ill., January 16th, Col. A. F. Walker takes a prominent part. He is booked for a speech at the banquet to be held on the evening of the same day. Hon. E. B. Sherman, '60, is a member of the committee which has charge of the reunion.

'63. R. S. McCullough of Chazy, N. Y., has sold his farm and gone into business.

'63. A grand reception was given Dec. 4, by Miss Tuthill, daughter of Judge R. S. Tuthill, 532 Jackson street, in honor of her guests, Miss Mellie Knight, of Portland, Me., and Miss Pearl Ross, of Hamilton, Mo. The three young ladies are novices in society of this season. The parlor mantle was luxuriously decorated with both house-plants and roses; carnations and roses filled every available vase in both parlors and library. Cooling drinks were dispensed from the frappe table in the hall. The dining-room was very prettily decorated with pink roses. Candelabra, with pink shades, were placed on either end of the table. Mrs. Tuthill wore a gown of black silk, trimmed with jet and diamond ornaments. Miss E. Tuthill wore a beautifully embroidered mousseline de soie dress over ivory satin, edged with pearl and point lace trimming, bodice decollete, elbow sleeves and demi-traine. Miss Pearl Ross was attired in a very handsome pearl gray mousseline de soie trimmed with silver bullion, decollete, pearl gray gloves and slippers. Miss Mellie Knight wore embroidered mousseline de soie, gracefully draped over ivory silk with a rich belt of silver bullion, bodice decollete, elbow sleeves and en traine. In her hair she wore a Grecian band of silver, which, combined with the simple manner in which she wore her hair, made a very beautiful effect. Dancing was enjoyed by the young folk, who pronounced the affair the most successful of its kind this season.

At the annual banquet of The North Western Alumni Association of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity many prominent Middlebury Alumni were present. Among them was Judge J. S. Grinnell '66, Col. Aldace F. Walker, '62, Judge R. S. Tuthill, '63, and Gen. H. H. Thomas, '57, known as the "big four" of Middlebury. There were also present several other Alumni including George E. Plumbe, '61, H. P. Nichols, '69, B. W. Sherman, '90, H. R. Pierson, '90, Geo. M. Groves, '90 and C. N. Pray, '90.

'65. David J. Newland contributes for the class of '65 in the series of Alumni articles contained in the UNDERGRADUATE. The article appears in another column.

'66. Col. T. M. Chapman was moderator at the annual village meeting held January 7.

'66. Rev. E. J. Ranslow recently gave an address before an assemblage of Odd Fellows at Poultney. He also gave an address before the Russell G. A. R. Post in Middlebury Dec. 19.

'67. James M. Slade addressed the G. A. R. at their recent campfire at Middlebury, Vt.

'68. Joel Lindsley is agent for the Equitable Mortgage Co. of New York.

'70. S. H. Foster is a physician with good practice in Galveston, Texas.

'70. J. C. Porter has severed his connection with Temple Grove Seminary, and at present is a private music teacher.

'72. Walter E. Howard is spoken of in a recent

"The faculty and students of Bates College, desiring to secure greater harmony of purpose and action," have adopted articles of agreement from which the following extract is made. A council of ten students is chosen viz: Four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and one freshman. This council is the middleman between faculty and students, and serves to make each party to better understand the other. Article V. reads as follows:

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SEC. 2. The faculty shall seek, through the council, to learn the wishes and views of the students in regard to matters of interest to the body of undergraduates, and shall give special heed to its representations as to the degree of guilt attaching to any infraction of the college laws, and to any recommendations that it shall make in regard to college occurrences, customs and policy.

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'87. Miss May A. Bolton visited her sister at Ludlow during the holidays.

'87. James T. Clark is engaged in journalistic work for the United Press Association in New York city.

'88. Invitations are out for the wedding, at Wallingford, on Jan. 13, of Miss Minnie Laselle Stafford of that town to the Rev. Edwin Judson Klock of Pawlet. Mr. Klock will take his wedding trip in Europe.

'89. Henry L. Bailey, who has been a missionary at Pasumalai, India, for over a year, has returned to America.

'89. W. F. Alden, who formerly studied law at Rutland, and is now connected with the pension office at Washington, made Middlebury a flying visit a short time ago.

'89. P. C. Hoyt was taken sick shortly after he entered upon his duties as teacher in the Rutland Graded School and was compelled to go home for a short time.

'89. L. H. Raine has prepared an elaborate index for the UNDERGRADUATE, the same to cover every number of the paper since its founding.

'90. John M. Thomas of Union Theological Seminary, sang at the dedication and installation services held at New Haven Dec. 31.

'90. H. R. Pierson of Chicago passed a few days in town about Christmas.

'90. H. M. Goddard of Princeton Theological Seminary visited Middlebury about New Year's.

'90. H. E. Owen of Port Henry, N. Y., was among a party of young people who drove over from that place a few days ago.

'90. Rev. J. E. Mead, a student in the theological department of the Boston University, visited Middlebury during his vacation. He preached at the Methodist church Dec. 21.

'90. L. H. Ross of Burr and Burton Seminary recently passed a few days in Middlebury.

'90. A. D. Mead, who is taking a post-graduate course at Brown University, was at home during his vacation with the exception of a short visit he made to St. Albans.

'91. F. L. Bell, who is studying law at Port Henry N. Y., visited town, remaining a couple of weeks, just before the holidays.

'94. It is feared that R. B. Flagg will not be able to resume his studies at the beginning of the winter term on account of serious trouble with his eyes.

College Notes.

The new text-books cost money this term.

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Boynton, '91, was teller at the annual village meeting, Jan. 7.

Why not? Hon. W. E. Gladstone's library contains between thirty and forty translations of Homer.

Middlebury College never offered better educational advantages to the public, and was never better able to carry out its offers than at present.

W. W. Gay, '76, H. R. Door, '80, J. C. Harvey, '81, and Frank Brown, '82, all ex-editors-in-chief, will contribute to the March UNDERGRADUATE.

At the election of boarding house managers, Jan. 12, Bryant, '91, resigned the commissaryship and Douglas was elected. Noonan was re-elected treasurer.

The repairs long needed were commenced in the chapel, Jan. 12. The walls are to be frescoed, the room reseated and it is hoped a new hard wood floor will be put in.

The Primaries at the Graded School and the Freshmen were recently excused from afternoon work to see the Phonograph on exhibition at the town hall. The latter were delighted with the machine.

It seems to be the aim of many young men who wish a college education, to attend, if possible, one of the larger colleges. Even those who are not very strong financially, delay their entrance to college for years in the hopes of being able to earn or borrow money to enable them to attend a large institution. A large per centage of such persons attend college more for the name of being college graduates than for the practical benefits they derive from their studies. Of course it affords a man much pleasure to relate to his friends that he is a graduate of such and such a noted college, and often, by the way, it is necessary for them to tell it, as no one would ever guess from their knowledge that they had ever attended any college. The largest things are not always the best. Generally speaking just as good an education can be had at a much less expense at a small college. When one leaves his alma mater and steps out into the cold world the question which is asked is not where you were educated, but how much do you know and what can you do?

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THE time has arrived when all who are of the base-ball persuasion or think of entering any of the coming athletic contests next spring should begin to train in a systematic every-day method. Many are now at work. The gymnasium can accommodate every athlete in college, and good hard work with the machinery to be found there will bring our athletic records even above those already made.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE is an old institution. For ninety-one years it has endeavored to satisfy the demand for a thorough education at a moderate cost. The aids and appliances for doing satisfactory work have been steadily improved and enlarged, so that never before in its history has the college been so well equipped for doing good work as it is at the present time. At the beginning of this year the courses were carefully revised, bringing them abreast of the times, and in addition a large number of electives were added, which makes it possible for a student to obtain just the education he desires. The library, containing nearly 20,000 volumes, is open every week day to the students, and through the generous gifts of our alumni from time to time additions are being made which renders it a prominent and efficient factor in college work. Connected with it is a reading-room in which may be found the leading reviews, magazines and daily newspapers, which is open all hours of the day.

The great cost of board, so discouraging to students of moderate means, has been eliminated by the establishment of a boarding hall where board is furnished at the price of the raw material, which is about $2 per week, making the expenses for the year, including board, tuition, fuel, lights, washing, room rent, etc., not to exceed $200. The legislature of Vermont, recognizing the importance of Middlebury College as an educational factor in the State, made an appropriation for the purpose of "paying the tuition and incidental college charges of thirty students" who are residents of Vermont. There are twelve $60 scholarships each year that are awarded to the first three in each class; two of $60 each, the gift of Vice President Levi P. Morton; two of equal value from Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., besides two assistant librarianships at $50 each, and various other oratorical and literary prizes and scholarships, by which a student may reduce his expenses to the minimum. In short, any meritorious student from any State may receive sufficient aid from the college to make an education possible.

ONE evening two years ago the faculty took supper with the boys at the boarding hall. Every student in college who was present at that time remembers the pleasant evening which was passed when the members of the faculty left at home their classroom sternness and dignity and mingled with the boys as if they were themselves students. Such meetings as these are conducive to bringing the instructor and instructed closer to one another. It serves to dispel any real or imaginary ill feeling existing between them. This is what we desire. This is what we need. We want to keep as far as possible from the idea that the faculty desire to be severe with us, and we do not wish to give the faculty the opinion that we are endeavoring to be of as much trouble to them as possible. We hope the officers of the boarding club will again invite the members of the faculty to be present with us in the near future.

IT has been the custom in years past to engage a speaker from out of town and hold public exercises in the chapel on the day of prayer for colleges. Owing to the extensive repairs which are being made in the chapel the programme was carried on differently this year, but was none the less interesting and profitable. Immediately after the regular morning chapel Professor Seely took charge of the exercises. Such students as did not wish to remain were excused. Very few, however, were inclined to leave. After singing and some remarks by President Brainerd and several of the professors, the meeting was handed over to the students and many of them took part. The services lasted fully an hour, and at the close all united in saying that the hour had been one of profit and enjoyment. It is gratifying to see the great and increasing interest taken by the students in religious matters. With very few exceptions the members of the different classes are members of the Young Men's Christian Association, which is now holding two meetings each week. The majority realizes that this part of